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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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I.D.NOTE/MEMORANDUM

Sub: Finance Department – Formulation of uniform procedure and Guidelines for the engagement of retired Govt. officials as Consultants in Govt. Departments – Issued.

The H.E. the Lt. Governor, Puducherry in one of the proposals of Finance Department for extension of period of engagement of a retired Government official as Consultant, had directed to evolve a scheme for engagement of Consultant in Government Departments in this Administration in consonance with the pattern followed by Departments/Ministries of Govt. of India. This was examined in detail taking into account all relevant aspects and the Scheme of engagement of retired Govt. officials as Consultants/Employees on contract basis in Government Departments of this Union Territory of Puducherry shall henceforth be regulated as per the following guidelines:

(i) GENERAL CONDITIONS:

As per the provisions of GFR (Rule 163-177) and Department of Personnel and Training, New Delhi guidelines, the consultancy assignment to be awarded for a specific job shall be resorted to only in a situation requiring higher quality services for which the concerned Department does not have requisite expertise. While engaging Consultants, due economy shall be observed while determining their fees and such fees may not be disproportionate to the work to be carried out by Consultants. So also, engagement of Consultants should not be allowed for routine day to day work for which the Department has regular staff support. However, retired Govt. officials with expertise in establishment/accounts etc. may with the approval of Competent Authority, be engaged in Government Departments where regular arrangement could not be made immediately due to circumstances beyond their control.

(ii). PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT:

Consultants (Retired Govt. officials) shall be engaged for a minimum period required. The maximum period of engagement shall be for a period of 2 to 5 years. The initial engagement for a retired Govt. official as Consultant shall be for a period of six months and shall be extended in six monthly periods not exceeding a maximum of 2 to 5 years. The initial term of appointment and subsequent extension(s) if any, shall be decided on case to case basis depending upon the specific job of a specialized nature with the recommendation of Consultancy Evaluation Committee of the Department concerned constituted for this purpose and its review report with the approval of competent authority viz., Lt. Governor, Puducherry.

The appointment of Consultant may either on full time or part time basis and

(iv) AGE LIMIT:

The maximum age limit for the Consultants will be 65 years. No retired Govt. Servant should be engaged as a Consultant beyond the age of 65 years.

(v) PROCEDURE:

The Government Department desirous of engaging retired Govt. officials as Consultants shall prepare terms and conditions for the work to be done by engaging Consultant in terms of the provisions given in GFR and invite applications in the proforma given in Annexure-I and place the same on Official Website of Government of Puducherry.

All the applications received in response to the Notification shall be scrutinized and shortlisted by the concerned Departments as per their requirement and in the light of consultancy guidelines. Thereafter the concerned Department would submit a proposal before the CONSULTANCY EVALUATION COMMITTEE of the concerned administrative Department.

The composition of Consultancy Evaluation Committee concerned Department shall be as under:-

- (i) Secretary of the concerned Department :: Chairman
- (ii) Joint Secretary/Dy. Secretary/ Under Secretary of the concerned Department :: Member
- (iii) Head of Department :: Member

After approval of the Consultancy Evaluation Committee, the concerned administrative department will thereafter obtain the approval of the Competent authority viz., the Lt. Governor with the concurrence of Finance Department before issuing offer of appointment to the candidate as Consultant on the recommendation of Consultancy Evaluation Committee.

(vi). FEE:

The Consultancy Fee fixed by the Department concerned shall be proportionate to the work to be carried out. The amount of Consultancy fee for the retired Govt. officials shall not exceed the ceiling of **Last Pay Drawn minus Pension and DA.**

The retired Government officials appointed as Consultants shall however continue to draw pension and dearness relief on pension during the period of his/her engagement as Consultant.

(vii) ALLOWANCES:

The Consultants shall not be entitled to any allowance such as Dearness Allowance, Residential Telephone, Transport Facility, Residential Accommodation,

(viii). LEAVE:

Consultants shall be eligible for 12 days leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis. Therefore, a Consultant shall not draw any remuneration in case of his/her absence beyond 12 days in a year (calculated on a pro-rata basis). His/her unavailed leave in a calendar year cannot be carried forward to next year as well as not entitled for encashment of unavailed leave. The Govt. Department would be free to terminate the services in case of absence of a consultant by more than 15 days beyond the entitled leave in a calendar year.

(ix). AGREEMENT:

An agreement shall be executed with the Consultant so engaged in the proforma given in Annexure II.

(x) EXISTING CONSULTANTS:

The existing Consultants (retired Govt. officials) in Govt. Departments will continue as per their existing entitlements/remuneration till they complete their sanctioned tenures.

In case the Consultants want to be considered for selection under the new guidelines, then on expiry of their consultancy tenure or before, they will have to apply afresh for appointment of Consultants and consequently compete with other applicants to be considered for selection for appointment as Consultants after following the due procedure as per the new guidelines. However, for determining the maximum period of engagement i.e. five years, the services earlier rendered by these Consultants will be counted.

(xi). RELAXATION:

In exceptional cases, the Competent authority, Lt. Governor shall relax any of the conditions of the above guidelines of the scheme of engagement of Consultant(s) especially in cases of highly specialized requirement in the interest of Public service.

2. The above guidelines shall take effect from the date of issue of this I.D. Note / Memorandum.

3. The above guidelines shall not apply to the External professionals, Consultancy firms, Individual Consultants being engaged for specific assignments such as preparation of DPRs etc. under various schemes/projects. For such cases the provisions given under Procurement of Services (Rule 163 to 177) of GFR, 2005 shall be followed scrupulously.

4. The Secretariat Departments, Heads of Department and Heads of Public Sector Undertakings, Boards, Societies etc. funded by the Government are requested to follow the above instructions strictly.

/ BY ORDER OF LT. GOVERNOR/